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DEPT FOR A/SY/CIC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT - BULENT ECEVIT, TURKEY

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2152, (B) STATE 186932

1. REF (A), PARA 2 CITED CYPOL SOURCE WHICH STATED THAT SUBJECT LOST PART OF HAND "IN 1955-59 PERIOD." INFORMATION PROVED TO BE ERRONEOUS. ON 30 JULY DIRECTOR MOUROUZIDES OF CYPRUS CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE (INTELLIGENCE SERVICE) ASSURED RSO THAT SYKOPETRIDES DID IN FACT LOSE HIS HAND IN 1964 REPEAT 1964 WHEN A BOMB WHICH HE WAS ASSEMBLING ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED. FYI: MOUROUZIDES HAS ADVISED RSO THAT HE IS GATHERING MORE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON 2 AUG. SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPT WHEN AVAILABLE. MOURZIDES CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT SUBJECT HAS NO REPEAT NO CRIMINAL RECORD.

2. AS REQUESTED BY REF (B) NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT AND INCIDENT ARE BEING TRANSMITTED TO A/SY/CIC IN NEXT POUCH.

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3. SINCE SYKOPETRIDES CASE IS OF MAJOR INTEREST IN BOTH

COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AND GUIDANCE ON MATTER OF HIS RELEASE ON BAIL AND PROJECTED TRIAL DATE.

4. WHILE EMBASSY IS NOT ANTICIPATING DEMONSTRATIONS, THE ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN MADE THAT TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST MISSION PERSONNEL ARE POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, ON 29 JULY ALL PERSONNEL WERE ENCOURAGED TO EXERCISE CAUTION IN THEIR MOVEMENTS AND LIFESTYLE FOR THE PRESENT.

5. PERSONAL PROTECTION OF THE CHARGE IS BEING ENHANCED. FYI: AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD IS PRESENTLY ON HOME LEAVE. DILLERY

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